

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF THE DEDICATION OF
THE GERALD SCHOENFELD AND
BERNARD B. JACOBS THEATRES
ON BROADWAY

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 9, 2005

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Gerald Schoenfeld and, posthumously, Bernard B. Jacobs on the occasion of the dedication of the Schoenfeld and Jacobs Theatres on Broadway. For over 20 successful years, Schoenfeld and Jacobs ran the Shubert Organization, America's oldest professional theatre company, as Chairman and President. With today's dedication, they are being honored with one of Broadway's most cherished and esteemed accolades.

Over the last 103 years, the Shubert Organization has owned hundreds of theatres and produced hundreds of plays and musical. Since the 1980s, the company's ticketing service has grown to become the leading ticket provider in New York City's thriving theatre industry. Founded at the end of the 19th century, three brothers, Sam, Lee and Jacob J. Shubert, from Syracuse, New York, founded the organization. Today, the Shubert Organization owns and/or operates 16 Broadway theatres and one Off-Broadway theatre in New York City, as well as theatres in Boston, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC.

Bernard B. Jacobs was born in New York City in 1916. In his long career on Broadway, he produced hundreds of plays, and was nominated for and won numerous Tony Awards. In 1996, the Shubert Organization lost its beloved and much admired President, and he was posthumously honored with the Special Tony Award for Lifetime Achievement in 1997.

Today, the Shubert Organization continues to thrive under the chairmanship of Gerald Schoenfeld. Schoenfeld was born in New York in 1924, and in his career has enjoyed tremendous success on Broadway. He is also deeply committed to the betterment of the City of New York, and is an active participant in civic affairs. Schoenfeld, with his former colleague, has produced hundreds of successful plays, and has been nominated for and won dozens of Tony Awards.

Under the leadership of Schoenfeld and Jacobs, the Shubert Organization was reorganized into the powerhouse it is today. Over the past three decades, the organization has dedicated its energies and resources to a long-term campaign for the revitalization of the American theatre. Its many projects have included the refurbishment of all Shubert playhouses, devoted participation in civic and community affairs, and a continuing effort to rehabilitate the Times Square Theatre District.

Today, May 9, 2005, I am pleased to join the Schoenfeld and Jacobs families, along with Hugh Jackman, Dame Edna Everage, and the cast of the Broadway hit "Avenue Q" as the Shubert Organization dedicates the

Gerald Schoenfeld and Bernard B. Jacobs Theatres.

For their commitment to the theatre, their passion for the arts, and their efforts to better the lives of all New Yorkers, I congratulate and honor the Shubert Organization, and specifically Gerald Schoenfeld, and Bernard B. Jacobs, here today.

HONORING LESLIE BURGER

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 9, 2005

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Leslie Burger, who was recently elected president of the American Library Association. Ms. Burger will serve for two years, as president-elect from July 2005 through June 2006, and then will take over as president of the ALA until 2007.

The American Library Association is a Chicago-based organization with more than 64,000 members. Established in 1876, the ALA offers leadership for the development, promotion, and improvement of libraries and librarians, to advance learning and guarantee access to information for everyone.

Leslie Burger is well prepared to serve as president of the ALA. She received a master's degree in organizational behavior from the University of Hartford, and a master's in library science from the University of Maryland—College Park, following graduation from Southern Connecticut State College. During her already accomplished career, she has continually fought to enhance and modernize libraries. Through her work at the Library Development Solutions, a firm which she founded over 10 years ago she has been a leader in integrating technology and developing new programs to keep libraries around the country up to date.

Leslie has been the director of the Princeton Public Library since 1999 in my district in New Jersey. Leslie was instrumental in securing funding for a new library in Princeton which opened over a year ago. She is a tireless worker in raising support (and funds) for the new building and services for the library. She has spent time working the "front line" of the library, where she works with patrons of all ages. She has reached out to underserved individuals by implementing new programs such as computer instruction in multiple languages and diverse cultural programming. Leslie also served as president of the New Jersey Library Association from 2001–2002.

Leslie has great plans for the future of the ALA. She hopes to improve salaries for librarians and other library workers, as well as modernize libraries so they are well equipped for the new technologies of the 21st century. She plans to fight against proposed library closings and cutbacks and extend the Campaign for America's Libraries. As president of ALA, she will ensure equal access for all individuals to library services and continue to de-

velop diverse educational programming for patrons.

Leslie Berger has worked hard providing important services to residents of Central New Jersey. I am sure all my colleagues join me in congratulating Leslie Berger on her election as president of the American Library Association. I have no doubt that she will continue to be a great advocate for libraries and library workers nationwide.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2005

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day, which is being observed today in the United States, Israel, and in Jewish communities around the world.

Each year this day is one of grief and hope. We memorialize the 6,000,000 Jews, including more than 1,000,000 children, who were murdered in the Holocaust. We observe the anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising and remember the heroism of those who fought back. We honor the survivors and the tremendous strength it took for them to rebuild their lives.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge two special commemorative ceremonies that took place in my district.

First, let me pay tribute to Café Europa, an association of Los Angeles area Holocaust survivors sponsored by Jewish Family Services. This week, Café Europa sponsored a special Yom HaShoah ceremony at Mount Sinai Memorial Park alongside Holocaust survivors from Café Europa of Tel Aviv and students from area schools. I want to particularly thank the survivors who courageously and poignantly shared their painful experiences through stories, poems, songs and photographs.

I would also like to recognize a community-wide ceremony in Pan Pacific Park sponsored by the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust, The Jewish Federation, Second Generation, and the Los Angeles Holocaust Monument Fund. This year, the program's theme, "From Liberation to the Pursuit of Justice," marks the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camps and the Nuremberg Trials to prosecute Nazi war criminals.

On this day we bear witness to the atrocities of the Nazi regime so that they are not forgotten and are never again repeated. We renew our commitment to Holocaust education to ensure that the lessons of the Holocaust do not fade away as the generation that lived through these events passes on. And perhaps most importantly, we pledge to fight future genocide by taking action against the slaughter of innocents going on today in places like Darfur, Sudan.

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